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Idaho Cattle on Feed Down 4 Percent from Previous Year

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on April 1, 2013 totaled 215,000 head, down 4 percent from the previous year, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. The cattle on feed inventory is down 4 percent from March 1, 2013. Placements of cattle in feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during March totaled 26,000 head, down 8,000 head from March 2012 placements. Marketings of cattle from feedlots with 1,000 head or more during March totaled 35,000 head, down 3,000 head from last year. Other disappearance totaled 1,000 head during March.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.9 million head on April 1, 2013. The inventory was 5 percent below April 1, 2012. The inventory included 6.91 million steers and steer calves, down 4 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 63 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.93 million head, down 8 percent from 2012. Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.90 million, 6 percent above 2012. Net placements were 1.82 million head. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 410,000, 600-699 pounds were 315,000, 700-799 pounds were 540,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 634,000. Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.77 million, 8 percent below 2012. Other disappearance totaled 76,000 during March, 10 percent above 2012.